



Emergency Management Overview

State of North Carolina
Buncombe County
City of Asheville



System Component **Representatives**

- City Government Efforts
- County Government Efforts
- NC Emergency Management Efforts
- Federal Emergency Management Efforts
- Non profit Agencies as Partners, such as American Red Cross, United Way 211, and a host of others

History of NC Emergency Management

- Roots are found in Civil Defense
- North Carolina Emergency Management Act established in 1977
- Federal Emergency Management Agency created in 1979
- Through experience, the function of emergency management has evolved into comprehensive, all-hazards management--from natural catastrophe to technological and nuclear disaster.



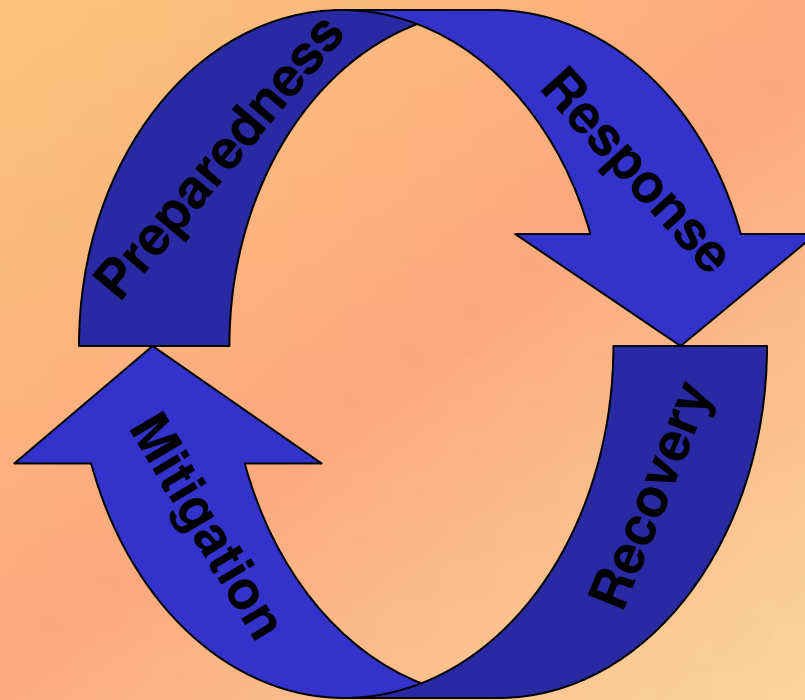
NC's System is an All-Hazards Approach to Emergency Assistance

- Severe Weather (hurricane, snow, tornado, flood, drought)
- Technological (hazardous materials/ radiological, fixed nuclear facilities)
- Man-made (weapons of mass destruction, cyber-terrorism)
- Lost person search/rescue



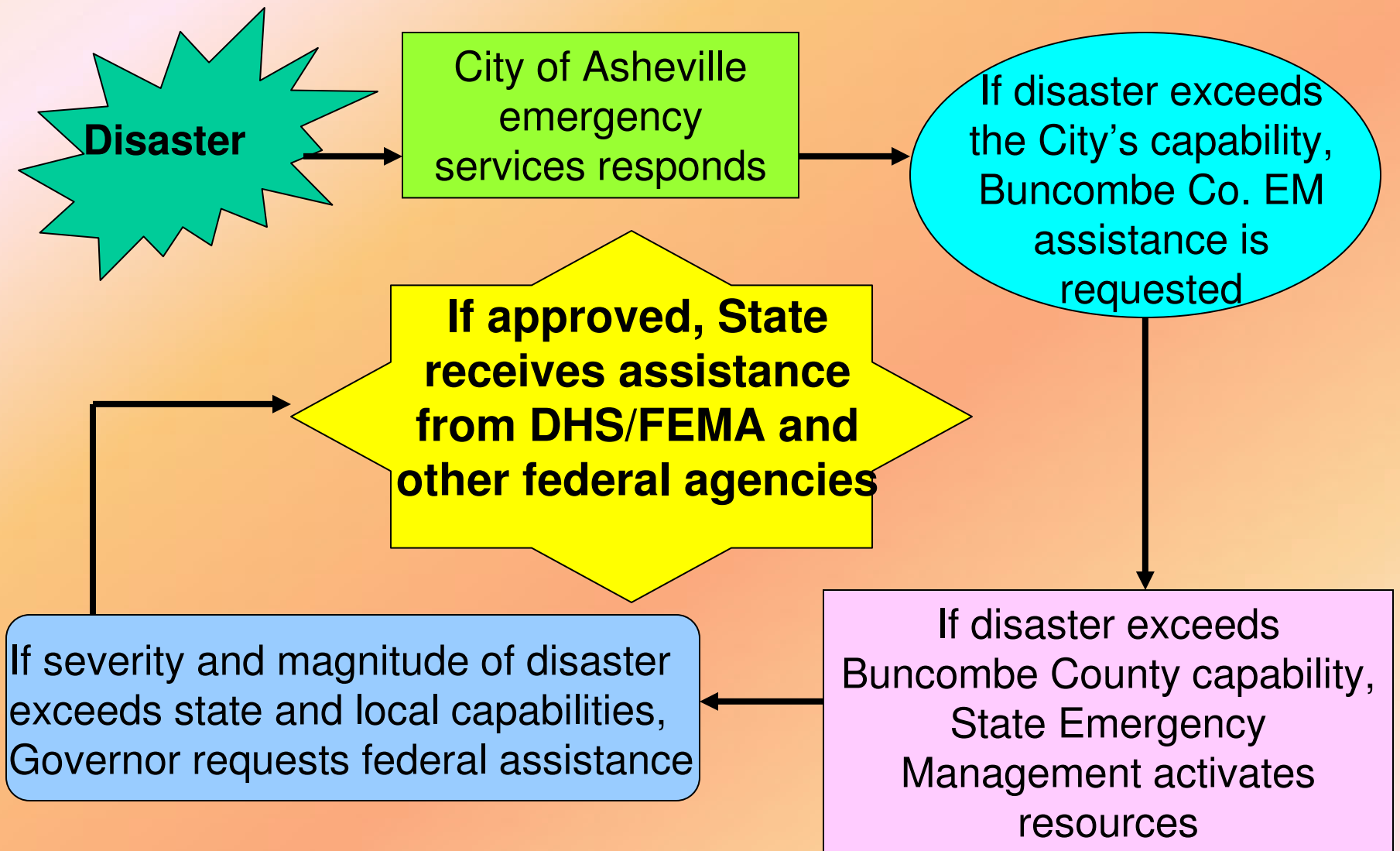
Emergency Management Traditional Phases

- Preparedness
 - Training
 - Equipment
- Response
- Recovery
- Mitigation



The NC Emergency Management System

When Disaster Strikes in Asheville



Incident Management Within the NC System

- City, County and State agencies as well as Federal agencies operate within an incident management system known as NIMS – National Incident Management System (Mandated by Federal Government).
- This system provides for provision of services, command and control and unification of all emergency services agencies.

City of Asheville

Primary Emergency Services

- Fire and Rescue
- Police
- Public Works – fleet, streets
- Water
- Support Departments such as Finance, Information Technology, Engineering, Public Information, Building Safety

Key Emergency Roles for Asheville

- City Manager keeps all elected officials apprised of emergency situations and obtains policy direction from elected officials when necessary.
- Fire and Rescue has the key coordinating role to ensure that unified command and control is in place and operates in concert with Buncombe County and NC Emergency Management efforts.
- All other operating departments perform specific services as needed for the emergency.



Buncombe County

Primary Emergency Services

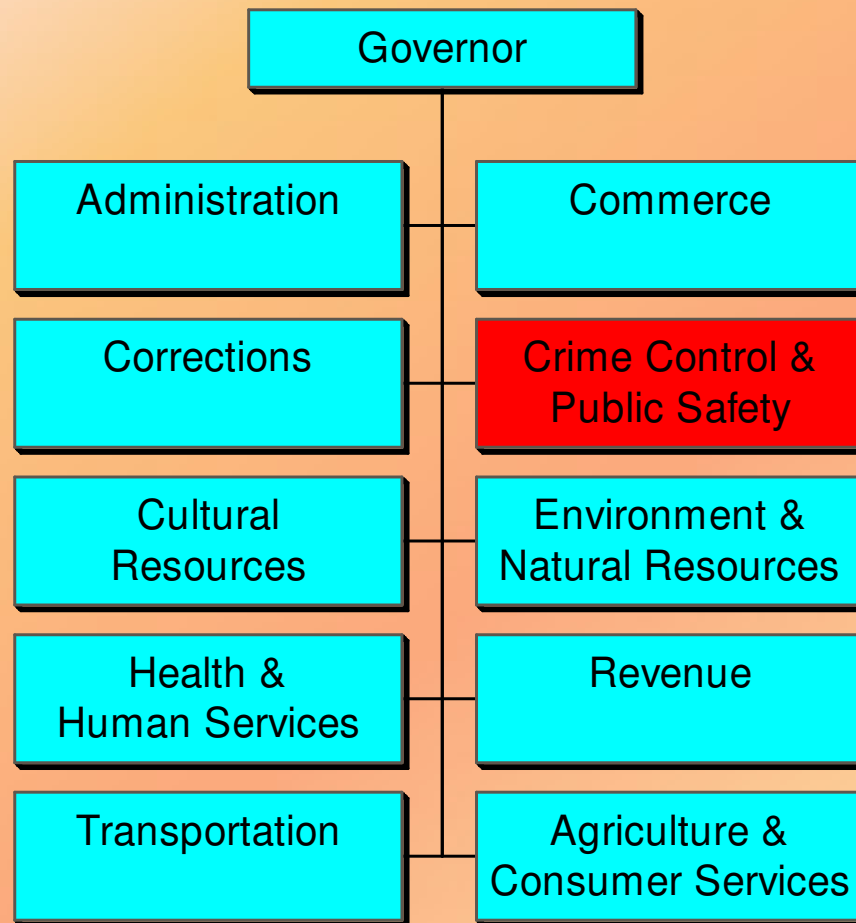
- Emergency Medical Services
- Emergency Management
- Sheriff's Department
- Human Services Departments
- Health
- Support Departments

Transition from County to State Emergency Management

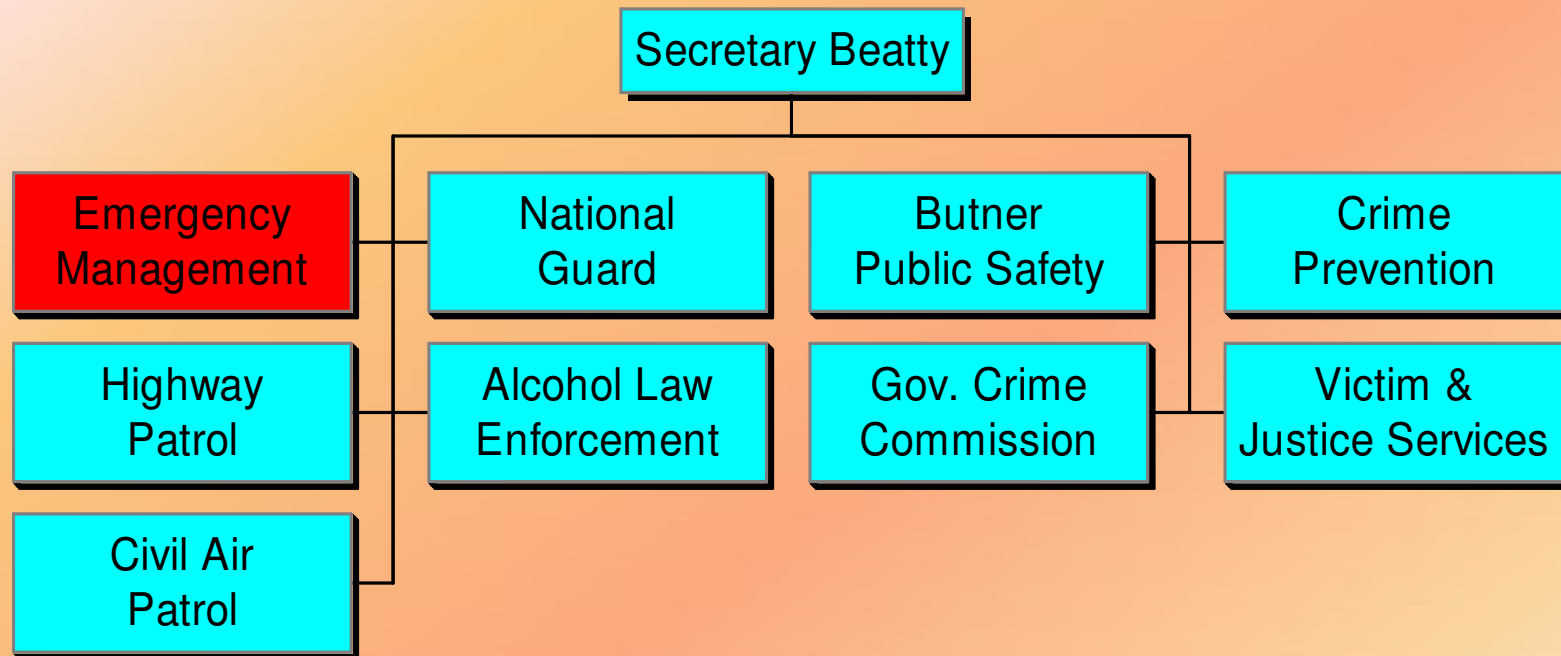
- All 100 Counties have an Emergency Management Director whose position is partially funded by state government.
- The state has three geographical districts that the County directors connect with. The Western NC branch headquarters is located in Conover.
- NC operates an Emergency Operations Center in Raleigh 7/24/365 and upgrades when needed for all significant emergencies.



North Carolina State Government

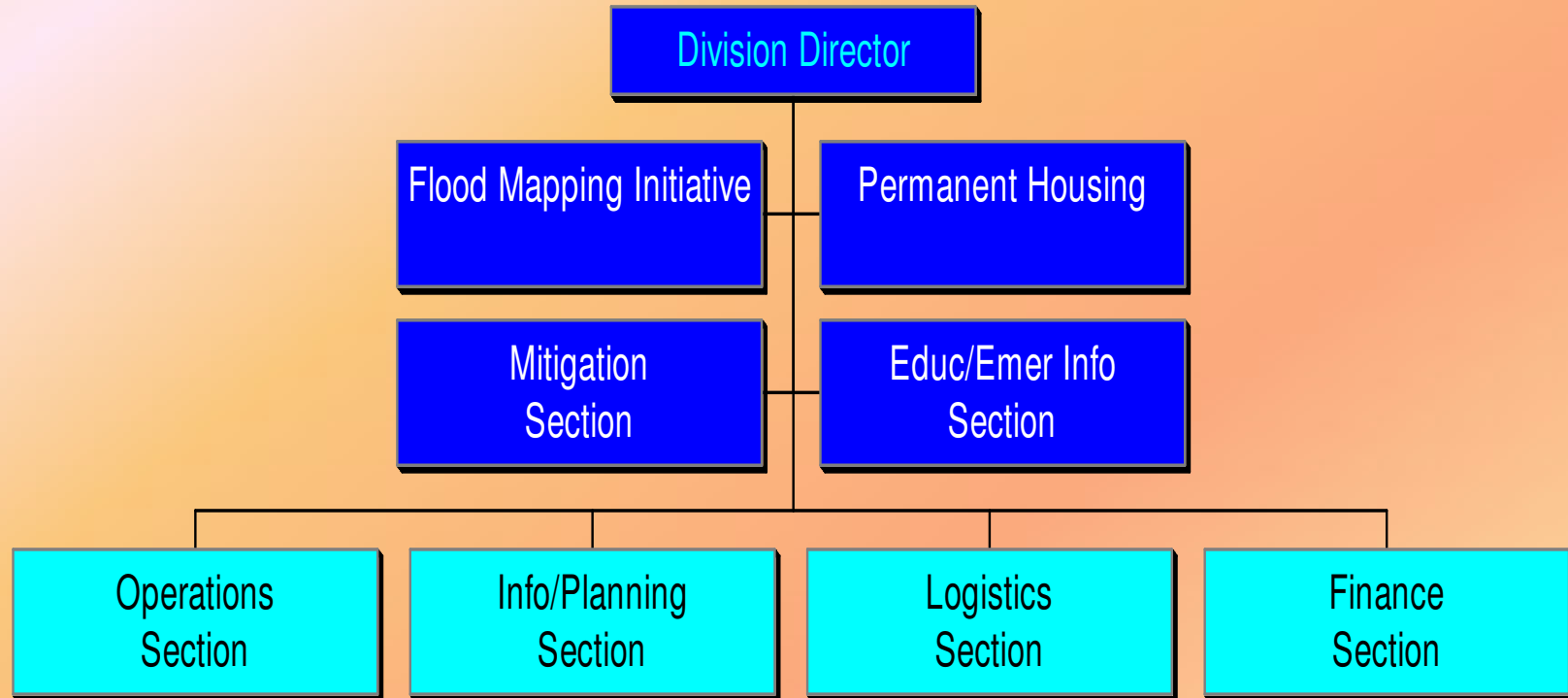


NC Department of Crime Control & Public Safety

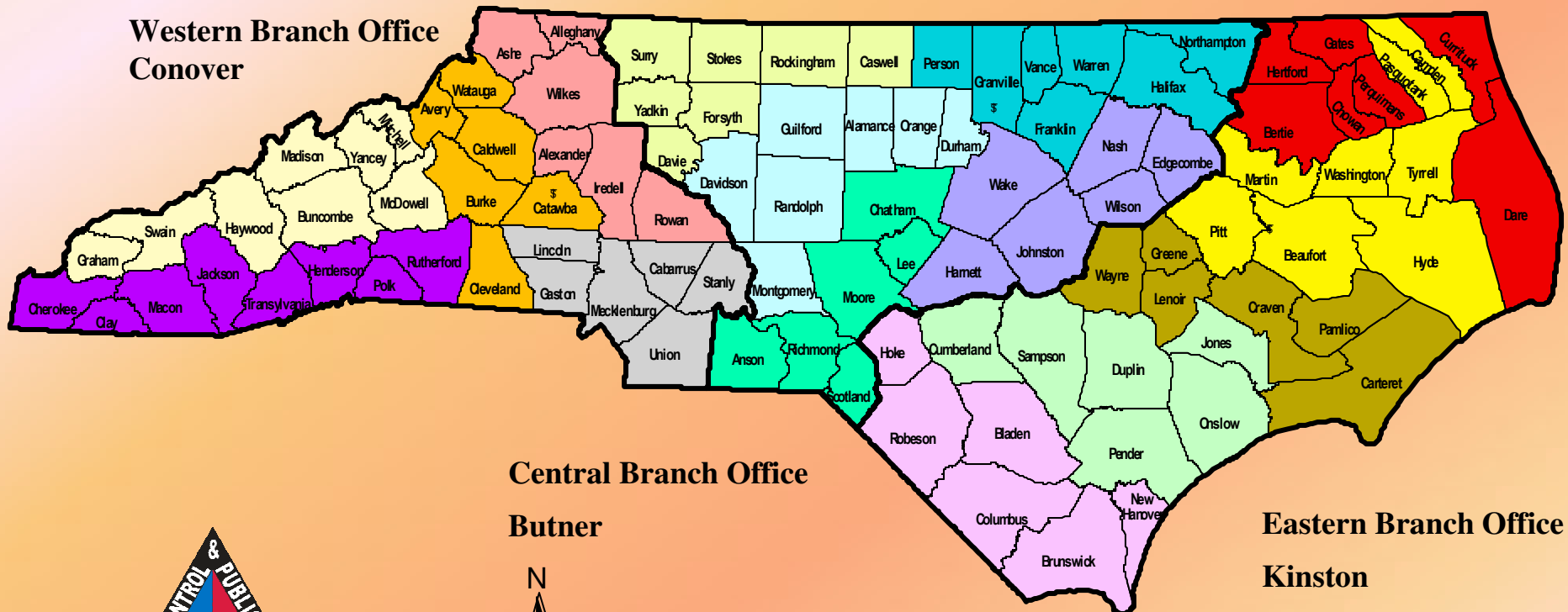


North Carolina

Division of Emergency Management



Branches and Areas



Buncombe County and City of Asheville Hazard Mitigation Plan

A plan for response and recovery from emergencies and disasters for Buncombe County and all municipalities in Buncombe County.

Available to the public at the www.ashevillenc.gov web site under the FIRE and RESCUE page.

NC Emergency Operations Plan

- Basic Plan & General Concepts
- Annex A - (FEMA) Functions &
(State Agency) Responsibilities
- Annex B - Event Specific Plans
 - Hurricanes
 - Winter Storms
 - Foreign Animal Disease
 - Terrorism

Interim
North Carolina
Emergency Operations Plan
(NCEOP)



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State Emergency Response Team (SERT)

- Comprised of State agencies and volunteer groups that have roles in disaster relief efforts
- Delivers member-agency resources in a coordinated manner
- Coordinated by division staff--by authority of GS-166A



SERT Members

- CCPS (Lead Agency)
- Administration
- Health & Human Services
- Agriculture
- Environment & Natural Resources
- Commerce
- Correction
- Governor's Office
- Secretary of State
- County Commissioners Association
- Insurance
- Labor
- Transportation
- NC State University - Cooperative Extension
- Cultural Resources
- American Red Cross
- Salvation Army
- League of Municipalities
- NC National Guard
- and many more



Summary

- **We work in a city/county/state/federal system whereas the city's primary focus is to provide initial response to all emergencies and work within the Emergency Management system and network to obtain the necessary resources to effectively manage emergencies that may occur within Asheville.**

Questions

